

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 13, as follows:

An endless conveyor belt is known from Applicant's own ~~US 3,398,651~~ US 3,938,651. The conveyor belt is arranged to form along part of its extent a helical path, in which the conveyor belt forms a number of successive turns. The conveyor belt is made up of a great number of links which are designed so that the links in a first turn in the stack carry a subsequent second turn in the stack. This means that the conveyor belt is self-stacking. Conveyor belts of this type are advantageous since in a very limited space they can offer a long conveying distance and, thus, a long time of exposure in the desired environment for the products that are to be treated.

Please add the following two paragraphs after the paragraph ending on page 7, line 16:

Fig. 3 illustrates an additional embodiment of an apparatus for treatment of foodstuffs according to the present invention.

Fig. 4 illustrates an additional embodiment of an apparatus for treatment of foodstuffs according to the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 25, as follows:

As the products are successively being conveyed up through the encapsulated stack portion 20, they are encountered by a flow of overheated water vapour P2. The overheated water vapour P2 moves downwards through the encapsulated portion 20 towards the non-encapsulated stack portion 21. In ~~and in~~ connection with the escaping from the non-encapsulated portion 21, the overheated water vapour P2 encounters more or less humid products as well as the humid

water vapour P1, the overheated water vapour changing into humid water vapour and forming a common flow of humid water vapour P3.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 36, as follows:

As a result, the products on their way through the encapsulated stack portion 20 in the ~~angular~~ annular space 10 successively reduce their moist content on the surface, i.e. their surface dries up, before they finally leave the housing 23 through the outlet 25 formed therein for the conveyor belt 2. According to the degree of drying and the temperature of the overheated water vapour, also colouring of the products can take place.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 11, as follows:

It will be appreciated that during the process in the housing 23, water precipitates in liquid form. This is drained off from the housing 23 through a drain ~~(not shown)~~ 32 in the third end closure 18, as shown in figs. 3 and 4. Water precipitated in the annular space 10 is suitably collected separately to be further drained off from the housing 23.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 24, as follows:

The encapsulation can be formed as one outer and one inner circumferential wall having the same height, vertically surrounding a portion of the stack. This is shown in fig. 2. However, the encapsulation can also have other designs. By way of example, in one embodiment ~~(not shown)~~ shown in fig. 3, the outer circumferential wall 34 extends vertically along the full height of the stack, whereas the inner circumferential wall 36 extends vertically along a portion of the stack. Such outer circumferential wall preferably has openings or perforations 38 along the portion of the stack not covered by the inner circumferential wall. The encapsulation is thus essentially tight in the horizontal direction in the portion of the stack covered by the inner

circumferential wall 36, and accordingly the encapsulation is arranged to direct the flow of the second gaseous medium in such a manner that it is passed in the vertical direction from said encapsulation to the rest of the stack. The first gaseous medium is not prevented from flowing into the annular space of the stack.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 7, as follows:

In another embodiment, as shown in fig. 4, both the outer 34 and the inner 36 circumferential walls of the encapsulation extend along the full height of the stack, and both walls have openings or perforations 38 along a portion of the stack. Accordingly, the non perforated portion directs the flow of the second gaseous medium in such a manner that it is passed in the vertical direction from the non perforated portion of the encapsulation to the rest of the stack, while the perforated portion of the encapsulation allows a flow of the first gaseous medium through the openings/perforations and into the annular space of the stack.